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RE: *U.S. Patent Application Entitled "METHOD AND APPARATUS FOR DETERMINING A SAMPLING PLAN BASED ON PROCESS AND EQUIPMENT STATE INFORMATION"*

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- (5) Request for Certification under 35 U.S.C. 122(b)(2)(B)(i).



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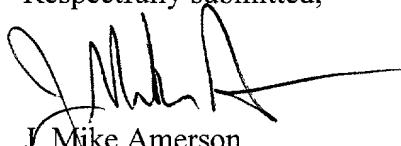
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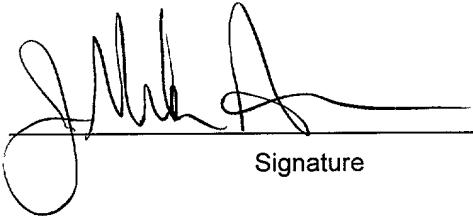
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